

ABSTRACT

Slot machines having rotatable reels and a visible, mechanical bonus payout indicator. The bonus payout indicator is clearly visible by the player and is only operable when the primary reels of the slot machine stop on certain predetermined indicia. According to one embodiment, the bonus indicator is in the form of a bonus wheel comprising a disc with protruding pegs and a clapper which strikes the peg as the wheels rotates. When the wheel stops, the clapper points to the bonus payout received by the player.